

RACE TO THE TOP PHASE 1 FINAL FAQs TO BE POSTED BY JANUARY 13
Submit Final Questions, if Any, No Later Than January 8

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Please read this entire notice

The Race to the Top email box will be operating on a limited basis after January 8, 2010, as explained below. Please submit your outstanding questions to racetothetop@ed.gov or to our hotline (202-205-3775) as soon as possible, but no later than 4:30:00 p.m. EST on January 8, 2010.

RATIONALE:

As we get close to the deadline, we do not wish to issue any new guidance that could cause rework for States whose applications are well underway. We have therefore put in place a plan for ceasing our responses to questions that require additional clarification or explanation; we will instead advise States to use their best judgment as they think through these on their own. We will continue to respond to logistical questions.

LIMITED OPERATION: JANUARY 8, 2010, 4:30:00 p.m. EST – JANUARY 19, 2010, 4:30:00 p.m. EST

Questions we will continue to answer:

We will respond to such purely logistical questions as those pertaining to the submission of applications, or those whose answers can be found in existing notices or guidance documents. Examples may include questions about: (1) mailing an application, (2) the deadline for submission of an application, (3) formatting, page limits, or file types, (4) submission of the State's signature page, etc. *If you submit a question, please provide a phone number and email address at which you can be reached during day and evening hours.*

Questions we will not answer:

Starting at 4:30:00 p.m. EST on January 8, 2010, we will no longer be able to timely process and post responses to questions that require additional clarification or explanation. For this reason, we will not respond to such inquiries after this timeframe.

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BEFORE 4:30:00 P.M. JANUARY 8, 2010

We will continue to process all questions received before 4:30:00 p.m. on January 8, 2010, and will post a final FAQ addendum, if any, by January 13, 2010. However, there may still be questions that we cannot answer in a timely enough fashion and therefore decline to answer.

Please visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop/> to review all of the information relating to the Race to the Top grant.

The deadline for submission of an application is 4:30:00 p.m. Washington DC time, January 19, 2010.